

Comparison of Senate, House, and Conference Committee Versions of ESSB 5974

Topic	Senate Version (ESSB 5974)	House Version (H-2869.E) (As passed House 3/7/22)	Proposed Conference Striking Amd. (H-2991.3/22)
Carbon Emissions Reduction Account	Specifies allowable categories of spending, makes transfers into two newly created accounts for climate active transportation and climate transit programs and indicates in lists where the funds in the accounts will be spent, makes these new accounts subject to same environmental justice and overburdened communities requirement as for Carbon Emissions Reduction Account, and removes the requirement for legislation establishing compliance obligations for certain industries to be passed prior to making expenditures from certain Climate Commitment Act accounts.	Same	Same, except removes the reference to lists indicating where the funding will be spent. Sections: 101-105 and 426
Exported Fuel	Creates a six-cent differential tax on exported fuel effective February 1, 2023.	Removed	Same as House version Sections: N/A
Increases of Transportation Taxes and Fees	Increases the aircraft fuel tax, license plate fee for motorcycle and cars, stolen vehicle check fee, dealer temporary permit, enhanced driver license and identicard fee, driver abstract fee, application of certain Department of Licensing administrative	Same, except lowers the fee for used cars coming from out of state that were subject to the original license plate fee.	Same, except increases stolen vehicle check fee in 2026. Sections: 201-211

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	fees, driver license update fee, and auto dealer documentary service fee.		
State General Fund, Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA), and Hazardous Substance Tax Transfers	Transfers an amount equivalent to expected sales and use tax on Move Ahead WA projects from the General Fund to transportation accounts, repeals transfers to the General Fund for transportation related tax credits, and allows continued transfers of hazardous substance tax revenues.	Same, except adds a transfer from the PWAA to transportation accounts.	Same as House version, except the transfer from the PWAA to transportation accounts is decreased (Sec. 302), but matched by an increase in transfers from the General Fund (Sec. 301). Sections: 301-313
Creates Multiple New Accounts	Creates Move Ahead WA and Move Ahead WA Flexible accounts, which are allowed to retain their interest.	Same	Same Sections: 401-404
Local Funding Options	Allows councilmanic authority for 2% city utility tax (excluding electricity) for transportation purposes, which can be on top of existing 6% voter approved authority; provides .1% councilmanic authority for Transportation benefit Districts (TBD) sales and use tax in addition to existing .2% with voter approval; and increases border area fuel tax authority from 1 to 2 cents while allowing indexing by inflation.	Same, except removes both the councilmanic authority for 2% city utility tax (excluding electricity) for transportation purposes and the ability to index the voter-approved border fuel tax for inflation.	Same as House version, except the voter-approved TBD sales and use tax can be extended in 10-year increments with no limitation (Sec. 407) and the ability to index the voter-approved border fuel tax for inflation is restored (Sec. 405). Sections: 405-407

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Clean Fuels (E3SHB 1091)	Removes language requiring passage of an additive transportation package before clean fuel compliance and credit provisions go into effect.	Same	Same, except requires reporting on credits generated by the omnibus transportation budget. Sections: 408-414
Establishes Various Goals and Programs	Establishes a goal that all passenger and light duty vehicles of model year 2030 or later be electric, requires the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to incorporate Complete Streets concepts into the design of certain projects, establishes a School Based Bike Safety Program, establishes a Reducing Rural Roadway Departures Program, makes the Green Capital grant program permanent, makes Sound Transit eligible for Regional Mobility Grants subject to certain conditions, and establishes Bus and Bus Facilities, Connecting Communities, Railroad Crossing, and Transit Support grant programs.	Same	Adds a requirement that agencies receiving transit support grants must provide free-fares for individuals 18 years or younger (Sec. 422), makes the Green Capital grant program permanent (Sec. 439), and makes Sound Transit eligible for Regional Mobility Grants subject to certain conditions (Sec. 438). Sections: 415-419, 422, 427, 432-434, and 437-439
Fare-Free Policies for State Agencies	Directs WSDOT to negotiate with Amtrak for and the Washington State Transportation Commission to establish on Washington State Ferries fare-free trips for passengers 18 and under.	Same	Same Sections: 420 and 421

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Traffic Safety Cameras	Allows speed cameras in school walk areas, city park speed zones, and hospital speed zones; allows cities to use speed cameras, with one camera per 10,000 population; requires city speed camera revenues to go 50% to Cooper Jones Account and then 50% for any local purpose; and extends the Seattle automated traffic camera pilot by 2 years.	Same, except expands the uses of the Cooper Jones account and exempts certain pre-existing speed cameras from the requirement to send revenues to the Cooper Jones Account.	Same as Senate, except maintains the exemption for certain pre-existing speed cameras from the requirement to send revenues to the Cooper Jones Account (Secs. 423 and 424). Sections 423, 424, and 430
Interagency Electric Vehicle Coordinating Council (IEVCC)	Creates the IEVCC, co-led by WSDOT and the Department of Commerce, to develop a statewide electrification strategy to ensure readiness for all new vehicle sales, identify all electric vehicle infrastructure grant related funding, and coordinate electric vehicle grant funding criteria across agency grant programs.	Same, except adds certain entities and functions to the IEVCC.	Same as House Sections: 427 - 429
Renames the Transportation Future Funding Program account	N/A	N/A	Renames the Transportation Future Funding Program account the JUDY Transportation Future Funding Program account. Sections: 435 and 436